

## Message Text

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SUBJ: EC/CYPRUS TRADE RELATIONS

REF: BRUSSELS 17372

1. AT EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING DECEMBER 20, ITALY  
WITHDREW ITS RESERVATION REGARDING CONCESSIONS TO CYPRUS  
ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (REFTEL) AND CLEARED THE WAY FOR  
EC COMMISSION-CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN ON A NEW  
TRADING AGREEMENT ON THESE PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY CYPRUS  
SHERRY AND NEW POTATOES. ACCORDING TO PERMDEL AND CYPRUS  
MISSION SOURCES, NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN DECEMBER 22 AND  
WILL SPILL OVER INTO NEXT YEAR.

2. PERMDEL SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT SINCE NEGOTIATIONS WILL  
NOT BE CONCLUDED BY THE END OF 1977, WHEN THE PRESENT  
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AGREEMENT EXPIRES, THE COUNCIL AGREED TO THE EC  
COMMISSION'S INVOKING AUTONOMOUS MEASURES FOR 3 MONTHS  
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1978, ALONG THE LINES OF THE  
COMMISSION'S DRAFT MANDATE FOR NEGOTIATION, TO ALLOW  
TRADE TO CONTINUE.

3. PERMDEL AND CYPRIOT SOURCES TOLD US THAT THE BRITISH

OBJECTED TO THE COUNCIL DECISION BECAUSE THE COMMISSION MANDATE DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH IN ASSISTING THE ALLEGEDLY FALTERING CYPRIOT ECONOMY. (COMMENT: BRITISH ALSO WANT NEW TRADE ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, CONTINUED AVAILABILITY TO BRITISH CONSUMERS OF CYPRIOT PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY SHERRY, AT LOW PRICE. END COMMENT.) CYPRIOT MISSION SOURCE DISCLOSED THAT CYPRUS IS EQUALLY UNHAPPY WITH THE COMMISSION'S DRAFT MANDATE IN THAT IT PROVIDES INSUFFICIENT CONCESSIONS, AND PLANS TO SUGGEST REVISIONS ON DECEMBER 22. HE SPECULATED THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS MIGHT SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A REVISED MANDATE TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR. HE SAID DECEMBER 22 MEETING WILL BE ONLY ONE TO BE HELD BETWEEN EC AND CYPRUS PRIOR TO NEW YEAR. HINTON

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